Outstanding dues of Hospitals

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of outstanding dues as on the 31st March, 2006 of the Escorts Hospital, Agarsen Hospital and Mata Chanan Devi Hospital in Delhi, which are providing medical facilities to the C.GH.S. beneficiaries;

(b) since when these dues are pending and the reasons for not releasing the same; and

(c) by when these dues are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Details of outstanding dues as on 31st March, 2006 in respect of Escorts Hospital, Agarsen Hospital and Mata Chanan Devi Hospital in Delhi are as under:—

Name of Hospital	Number of bills pending	Total claimed amount
Escorts Hospital	16	3.60 crore
Maharaja Agarsen Hospital	16	2.80 crore
Mata Chanan Devi Hospital	18	2.20 crore

(b) and (c) These bills pertain to the period of November, 2005, February, 2006. Payments to these hospitals were stopped after some irregularities by private empanelled hospitals were reported. Consequently, these hospitals stopped credit facilities to CGHS beneficiaries. It was, therefore, decided that while payments would be resumed, payments equivalent to bills raised for three months would be held back at any point of time in case recovery is required to be made from these hospitals on the basis of medical audit. Otherwise, clearing of bills is a continuous process and the bills pertaining to November, 2005, and December, 2005, in respect of these three recognized hospitals under CGHS are now being cleared.